

# CITY OF SCOTTSDALE March 22, 2011 - STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 22 will be the 72<sup>nd</sup> day of the 2011 Legislative Session As of Friday, March 11, 1337 bills had been introduced, 8 bills have passed, and 7 bills have been signed by the Governor

#### SCOTTSDALE LEGISLATION

#### SB 1203, Revitalization Districts, Revisions

SB 1203 is a "clean-up" bill of last year's HB 2003, which established a new special taxing district known as a Revitalization District. HB 2003 was the City of Scottsdale's priority legislation last year and the City was successful in its eventual passage into state law. Representative Michele Reagan was the bill's sponsor and has agreed to sponsor this year's continuation bill in her new role as State Senator.

Bill Sponsor Senator Michele Reagan (Scottsdale)

Status SB 1203 passed the Senate Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 20-

10

#### SB 1153 City Auditor, Access to Information

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Bill Sponsor Senator Michele Reagan (Scottsdale)

Status SB 1153 passed out of the Senate on February 3rd with a vote of

29-0 It passed the House Government Committee on February

23rd with a vote of 7-0

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### SB 1352, Photo Radar Prohibition

SB 1352 would prohibit local governments from using all photo enforcement systems to identify violators of traffic signals and speed restrictions

Sponsor Senator Frank Antenon (Tucson)

Status SB 1352 passed the Senate Government Reform Committee but

FAILED on final vote in the Senate with a vote of 15-15

#### SCR 1029, Photo Radar Prohibition

SCR 1029 would place a question on the 2012 general election ballot asking voters choose to prohibit the use of photo enforcement systems by a state or local authority

Sponsor Senator Frank Antenon (Tucson)

Status SCR 1029 passed the Senate Government Reform Committee on

February 17 and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor

#### SB 1379, Consumer Fireworks, Regulation

The strike-everything amendment to SB 1379 makes several changes to last year's fireworks legislation including a provision that would prevent a municipality from prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks between June 15 through July 5 and between December 12 through January 2

Sponsor

Senator Frank Antenon (Tucson)

Status

SB 1379 passed the Senate on March 10th with a vote of 22-8

#### HB 2153 Municipalities, Counties, Fire Sprinkler Code

HB 2153 will prohibit cities and counties from imposing a fine, penalty, or requirement to require fire sprinklers in a single family residence. The bill stipulates that the prohibition on fire sprinkler requirements would not apply to cities or towns that have adopted a fire sprinkler requirement prior to December 31, 2009 The language of HB 2153 does not provide clarity as to whether a city whose fire sprinkler ordinance was adopted prior to this date would be able to amend or update their fire codes without risk of losing the grandfathered-date protection

**Sponsors** 

Representative Steve Montenegro (Avondale)

Status

HB 2153 was signed by Governor Brewer on March 9, 2011

#### **FINANCE**

#### HB 2193, Municipal Water Charges, Responsibility

HB 2193 would prohibit municipalities from requiring payment for unpaid water and wastewater rates from anyone other than the person who made the contract, resided at the property, and received the service. The bill would also prohibit municipalities from refusing service on the basis of unpaid water and sewer fees to anyone but the person who resided at the property and received the service

HB 2193 also would allow anyone to voluntarily contract with a city for water and sewer service and provide payment for those services However, the bill creates a loophole because a person who voluntarily contracts for water and sewer service is only required to make payment if they physically reside at the property

Sponsor

Representative Jim Weiers (Phoenix)

Status

HB 2193 passed the House on March 1st with a vote of 49-8 and has been assigned to the Senate Water, Land Use, and Rural

Development Committee

#### SB 1166 Municipal Tax Exemption, Commercial Lease

SB 1166 would prohibit a city from levying a sales tax on the gross proceeds of sales or gross income from a commercial lease where a corporation leases real property to another corporation of which at least 80 percent of the voting shares of each corporation are owned by the same shareholder

Sponsor

Senator Steve Yarbrough (Chandler)

Status

Passed Senate on February 8th with a vote of 21-8 and has been

referred to House Ways & Means Committee

#### SB 1220 Uniform Local Sales Tax Base

SB 1220 would repeal current statues authorizing municipalities to collect the sales tax they levy and to determine the tax base on which to levy the tax — effectively repealing the Model City Tax Code (MCTC). The MCTC is used by cities and towns to customize their revenue collection system to reflect the policy decisions made by municipal leaders and the public. SB 1220 would require that all sales tax revenue be collected by the Arizona Department of Revenue and then redistributed to cities and towns.

Passage of SB1220 would effectively end municipal tax classifications that are not consistent with State classifications

Sponsor S

Senator Steve Pierce (Prescott)

Status

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### SB 1221 Urban Revenue Sharing, Distribution Freeze

SB 1221 would place a twenty-year freeze on the distribution levels of urban shared revenues to cities and towns. The bill would cap the twenty-year distribution rate at the same level as was distributed for FY09/10. During the twenty-year freeze, any monies in excess of what is distributed to cities and towns would be used to pay the State's debt obligations on the sale and lease-back of state properties and to retire bonds for multipurpose facilities.

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#### SB 1322 - Cities, Services, Managed Competition

SB 1322 was amended to only require a city with a population of over 500,000 persons to furnish all municipal services with an anticipated cost of greater than \$75,000 via a service contract that has been entered into through open and competitive bidding

Sponsor

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Status

SB 1322 passed the Senate Government Reform Committee on February 9<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 5-2 and is awaiting a hearing in the

Committee of the Whole

#### SB 1525 Municipal Development Fees

SB 1525 would make several changes to the how local governments can assess and collect development impact fees. The provisions of the bill would place further restrictions on the types of fees and how the fees are calculated as well as extending the current rate freeze that was enacted by the previous Legislature.

Sponsor

Senator Russell Pearce (Mesa)

Status

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February 9th and passed the Senate on February 28th with a vote of

16-13



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\$107 million

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\$245 million

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Federal Funds:

\$101 million

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\$66 million

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\$85.7million

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\$52.4 million

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### SB 1201 Firearms Omnibus

- SB 1201 makes several changes to the use and regulation of firearms.
- Prohibits a municipality from barring firearms from any "public establishment" or "public event" unless:
  - Law enforcement officers, armed guards; and
  - Metal detectors, x-ray, screening equipment; and
  - Posting of signs; and
  - Firearms lockers.
- Exemption for public establishments or public events that have a specific liquor license.

SB 1201 was introduced by Senator Ron Gould (Lake Havasu) and passed the Senate 21-8. House hearing on Thursday.

